**Ecolab U.S. Regional NPO (Non-Profit Organizations) Grant Program**
To qualify for community grant from the Ecolab Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 organization (per the [IRS Pub 78](#)) must fall within one of our four strategic areas of giving and provide services in one of the regional geographies listed below.

<mark>*Please note:  These instructions pertain to locations **outside of the St. Paul, MN area**. If you are interested St. Paul, MN area information, please refer to the St. Paul, MN area information.*</mark>

**Focus Areas of Giving**
- Youth and Education: programs that promote youth development, particularly for those traditionally underserved
- Civic & Community Development: affordable housing, work readiness, crisis assistance and hunger relief
- Environment & Conservation: hands-on environmental learning programs; conservation organizations
- Arts & Culture: arts education for children and youth as well as support for museums and the performing arts

**Geographic Areas of Giving:**
- Beloit, WI
- City of Industry, CA
- Clearing, IL (southwest Chicago)
- Elk Grove Village, IL
- Ellwood City, PA
- Garland, TX
- Garyville, LA
- Greensboro, NC
- Huntington, IN
- Irving / Fort Worth, TX
- Joliet, IL
- Martinsburg, WV
- McDonough, GA (Henry, Clayton, Spalding, Butts, Newton counties)
- Naperville, IL
- Philadelphia, PA
- Fresno, TX (Fresno and Brazoria counties)
- Jersey Village, TX (NE Houston)

**Restrictions:**
Contributions will **not** be made to or in support of:
- Individuals
- Sectarian/denominational religious organizations, except where funds are to be used in direct interest of the entire community
- Loans or investments
- Political/lobbying organizations
- Industry, trade or professional association memberships
- Disease-specific related organizations
- Sports/athletic programs and facilities

- Fundraising events/sponsorship
- Private non-operating foundations

**Application Process:**
- **The application process is now closed**
- **Applications for 2025 are scheduled to open in late May 2025.**
- **Access the [Ecolab Applicant Site](#) to view submitted applications**
    - The Ecolab Applicant Site is called GrantsConnect, powered by our vendor partner YourCause-Blackbaud
    - For best results, use Google Chrome and a desktop or laptop computer
    - If you have issues signing in, please use the help features available on the site
- Result notifications will be sent via email later in the year (September – December)
- Questions? Contact [ecolabfoundation@ecolab.com](mailto:ecolabfoundation@ecolab.com)

**Grant Disbursement Information:**
If you have questions about grant disbursements/payments, please visit [NPOConnect, the Nonprofit Portal](#), powered by our vendor partner YourCause-Blackbaud. This is a separate site just for financial administration of grant awards.  Please note that the Ecolab Foundation staff does NOT have access to this site because it contains confidential payment information.  If you need assistance, please use the email and chat features available on the NPOConnect sign-in page or fill out the [Nonprofit Platform Service Inquiry form](#).

Click [here](#) to download additional information/instructions about signing into the Nonprofit Platform.

**Code of Conduct**
In accordance with Ecolab's [Code of Conduct](#), contributions will not be made to organizations that  discriminate on the basis of gender, race, ethnic origin, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, other personal characteristics or conditions protected by national, state or local law.